Emmanuel Lutheran Church, Ypsilanti, MI

August 18, 2024 – 13th Sunday after Pentecost

Worship Key
P: Pastor
A: Assisting Ministers
C: Congregation

PRELUDE

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

The assembly stands. All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,
the God of manna, the God of miracles, the God of mercy.
C: Amen.

P: Drawn to Christ and seeking God's abundance, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: God, our provider,
C: help us. It is hard to believe there is enough to share.
We question your ways when they differ from the ways
of the world in which we live.
We turn to our own understanding rather than trusting in you.
We take offense at your teachings and your ways.
Turn us again to you. Where else can we turn?
Share with us the words of eternal life and feed us for life in the world. Amen.

P: Beloved people of God: in Jesus, the manna from heaven, you are fed and nourished. By Jesus, the worker of miracles, there is always more than enough. Through Jesus, ☩ the bread of life, you are shown God's mercy: you are forgiven and loved into abundant life.
C: Amen.

GATHERING SONG ELW 645

"Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation"

1 Christ is made the sure foun - da - tion, Christ, our head and
2 To this tem - ple, where we call you, come, O Lord of
3 Here be - stow on all your ser - vants what they seek from
4 Praise and hon - or to the Fa - ther, praise and hon - or
cor - ner - stone, cho - sen of the Lord and pre - cious,
hosts, and stay; come with all your lov - ing - kind - ness,
you to gain; what they gain from you, for - ev - er
to the Son, praise and hon - or to the Spir - it,
bind - ing all the church in one; ho - ly Zi - on's
hear your peo - ple as they pray; and your full - est
with the bless - ed to re - tain; and here - af - ter
ev - er three and ev - er one: one in might and
help for - ev - er and our con - fi - dence a - lone.
ben - e - dic - tion shed with - in these walls to - day.
in your glo - ry ev - er - more with you to reign.
one in glo - ry while un - end - ing a - ges run!

Text: Latin hymn, c. 7th cent.; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818–1866, alt.
Music: WESTMINSTER ABBEY, Henry Purcell, 1659–1695; arr. Ernest Hawkins, 1802–1868

GREETING

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

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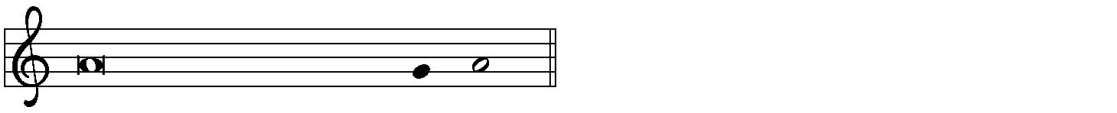


In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mer - cy.

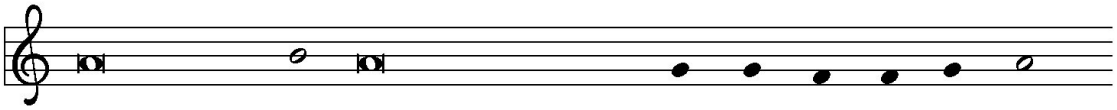
For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mer - cy.

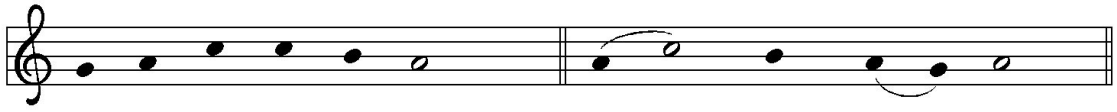
For the peace of the whole world, for the well - being of the church of God,

and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor - ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. **Lord have mer - cy.**

Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra-cious Lord. **A - men.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray.

A brief silence is kept before the prayer.

C: Ever-loving God, your Son gives himself as living bread for the life of the world. Fill us with such a knowledge of his presence that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life to serve you continually, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

FIRST READING: Proverbs 9:1-6

Wisdom is portrayed as a woman who invites people to partake of her banquet. Just as ordinary food is necessary for physical life, Wisdom's food–insight and understanding–is necessary for fullness of life with God. Partaking of Wisdom's banquet is the way to life.

A: A reading from Proverbs.

[1]Wisdom has built her house,
she has hewn her seven pillars.
[2]She has slaughtered her animals, she has mixed her wine,
she has also set her table.
[3]She has sent out her servant-girls, she calls
from the highest places in the town,
[4]"You that are simple, turn in here!"
To those without sense she says,
[5]"Come, eat of my bread
and drink of the wine I have mixed.
[6]Lay aside immaturity, and live,
and walk in the way of insight."

A: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 34:9-14

Those who seek the LORD lack nothing that is good. (Ps. 34:10)

P: [9]Fear the LORD, you saints of the LORD,
for those who fear the LORD lack nothing.
C: [10]The lions are in want and suffer hunger,
but those who seek the LORD lack nothing that is good.
P: [11]Come, children, and listen to me;
I will teach you reverence for the LORD.
C: [12]Who among you takes pleasure in life
and desires long life to enjoy prosperity?
P: [13]Keep your tongue from evil
and your lips from lying words.
C: [14]Turn from evil and do good;
seek peace and pursue it.

SECOND READING: Ephesians 5:15-20

True wisdom integrates our new reality in Christ with our Christian fellowship and daily conduct. Because we are filled with the Spirit, Christians regularly rejoice together, give thanks to God for one another, and care for one another. In this way we revere our Lord Jesus Christ.

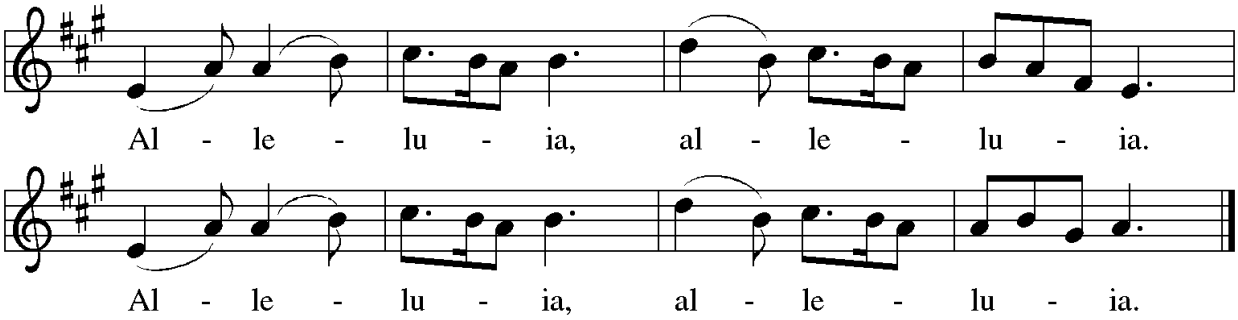
A: A reading from Ephesians.

[15]Be careful then how you live, not as unwise people but as wise, [16]making the most of the time, because the days are evil. [17]So do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. [18]Do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery; but be filled with the Spirit, [19]as you sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs among yourselves, singing and making melody to the Lord in your hearts, [20]giving thanks to God the Father at all times and for everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

A: The word of the Lord.
C: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

The assembly stands to welcome the gospel.



GOSPEL: John 6:51-58

In John's gospel, the feeding of the five thousand leads to extended teaching in which Jesus identifies himself as the true "bread of life." Finally, in these verses, he makes a connection that would not be understood until after his death, in light of the church's celebration of holy communion.

P: The holy gospel according to John.
C: Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said,] 51"I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh."

52The Jews then disputed among themselves, saying, "How can this man give us his flesh to eat?" 53So Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. 54Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood have eternal life, and I will raise them up on the last day; 55for my flesh is true food and my blood is true drink. 56Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. 57Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. 58This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live forever."

P: The gospel of the Lord.
C: Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S TIME

Paul Archer

A special message for children.

SERMON

Paul Archer

Silence for reflection follows the sermon.

HYMN OF THE DAY

ELW 788

"If God My Lord Be for Me"

1 If God my Lord be for me, I may a host de - fy;
for when I pray, be - fore me my foes, con - found - ed, fly.
If Christ, my head and mas - ter, be - friend me from a - bove,
what foe or what di - sas - ter can drive me from his love?
2 I build on this foun - da - tion, that Je - sus and his blood
a - lone are my sal - va - tion, the true, e - ter - nal good.
With - out him all that pleas - es will vain and emp - ty prove.
The gifts I have from Je - sus a - lone are worth my love.
3 Christ Je - sus is my splen - dor, my sun, my light, a - lone;
were he not my de - fend - er be - fore the judg - ment throne,
I nev - er should find fa - vor and mer - cy in God's sight,
but be de - stroyed for - ev - er as dark - ness by the light.
4 For joy my heart is ring - ing; all sor - row dis - ap - pears;
and full of mirth and sing - ing, it wipes a - way all tears.
The sun that cheers my spir - it is Je - sus Christ, my king;
the heav'n I shall in - her - it makes me re - joice and sing.

Text: Paul Gerhardt, 1607–1676; tr. Richard Massie, 1800–1887, adapt.
Music: IST GOTT FÜR MICH, English melody, 16th cent.

APOSTLES CREED

A: Let us confess our faith in the words of the Apostle's Creed.

C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died,
and was buried; he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

A: Calling on the spirit of Wisdom to guide our hearts and our minds, let us pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

A brief silence.

A: Wisdom has built her house. May the church be a house of wisdom for all who enter. May we continue to grow and stretch in ways we never thought possible. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

A: Wisdom has mixed her wine. May the harvest seasons be plentiful this year. We pray for orchards, vineyards, farms, and all of creation. Protect and conserve the earth. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

A: Wisdom has employed her laborers. Be with all who seek adequate employment. Guide our economic and governmental leaders to support the people of our world with fair wages and safe working conditions. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

A: Wisdom has invited her guests. Make your presence known to all who feel lost, abandoned, or hurting at this time. Direct your spirit of care to all who seek healing and comfort *especially Barb, Sheila, Judy, Debbie, Lynn, Jennifer, Cora, Suzy, the friends and of Phyllis.* Merciful God,
C: receive our prayer.

A: Wisdom has set her table. May this congregation be a welcome table to all who seek the refuge of God. Break down walls and barriers that prevent us from offering a seat at this table to anyone who comes. Merciful God,
C: receive our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

A: Wisdom has shown her path of insight. May we journey on her paths, looking toward a bright future while remembering from where we have come. We give our thanks for those who have gone before us. Merciful God,
C: receive our prayer.

A: We lift up these prayers to you, gracious God. Receive them into your holy keeping.
C: Amen.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

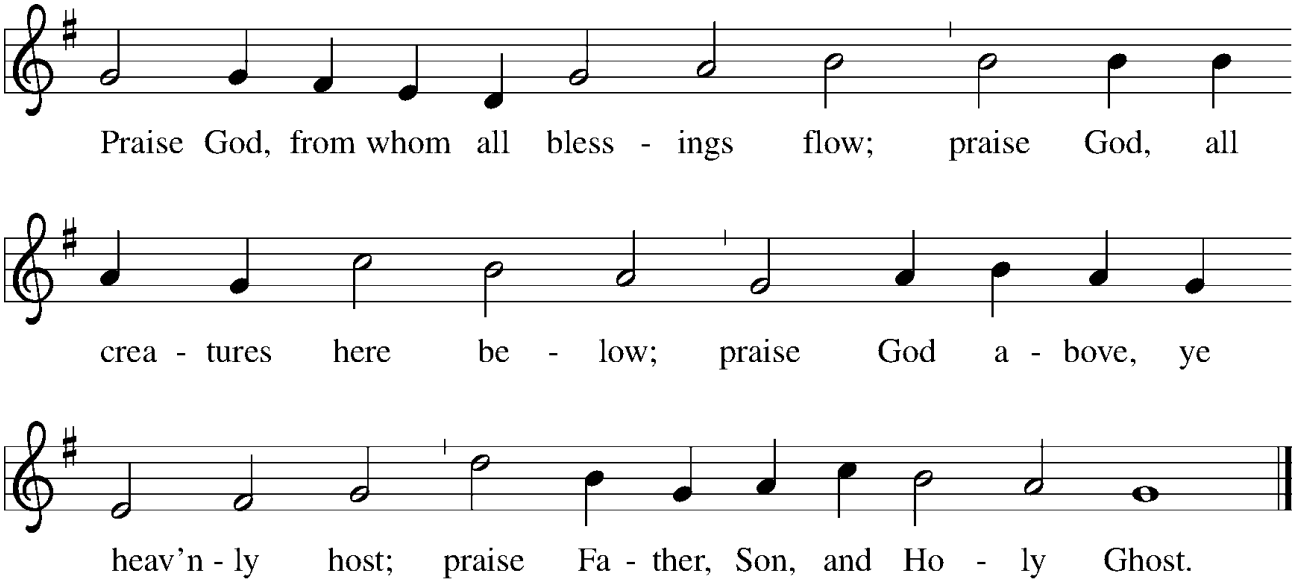
P: The peace of Christ be with you always.
C: And also with you.

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

OFFERING

OFFERING HYMN- *"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"*


Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise God, all
crea - tures here be - low; praise God a - bove, ye
heav'n - ly host; praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

Text: Thomas Ken, 1637–1711, alt.
Music: OLD HUNDREDTH, Louis Bourgeois, 1510–1561

OFFERING PRAYER

A: Jesus, Bread of life,
you have set this table with your very self,
and called us to the feast of plenty.
Gather what has been sown among us,
and strengthen us in this meal.
Make us to be what we receive here,
your body for the life of the world.
C: Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

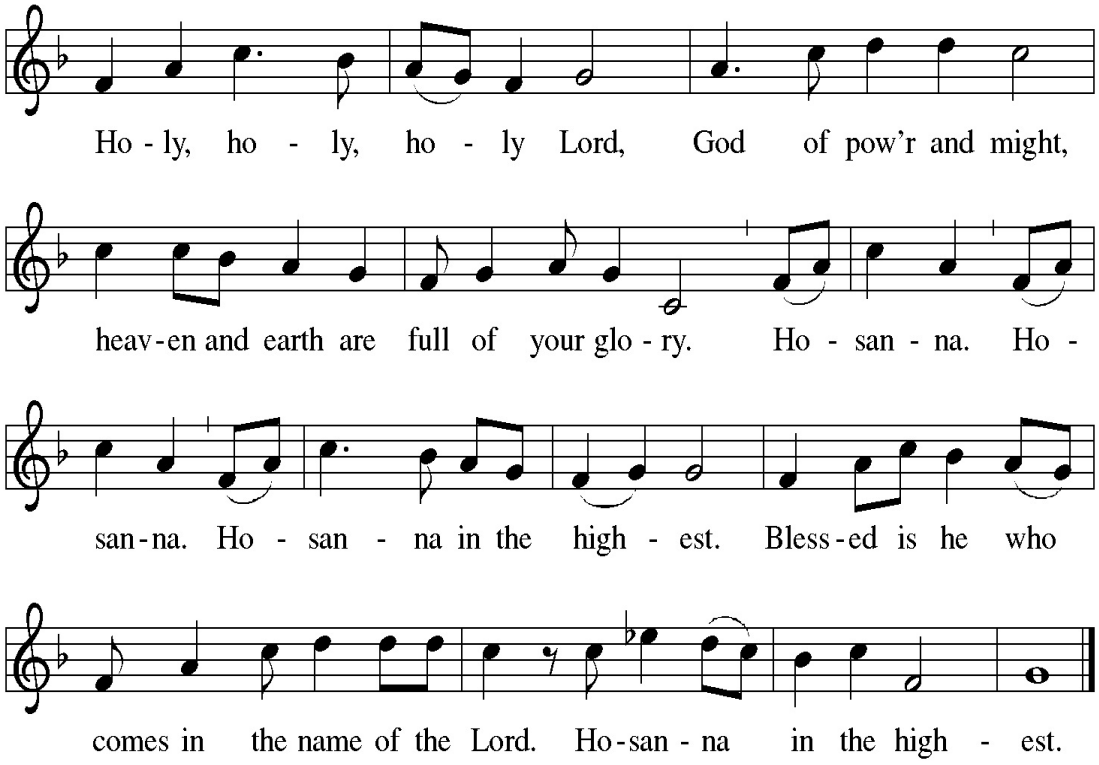
P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

SANCTUS


Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -
san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

P: You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God.
You are most holy, and great is the majesty of your glory.

You so loved the world that you gave your only Son,
so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but have eternal life.

We give you thanks for his coming into the world to fulfill for us your holy will and to accomplish all things for our salvation.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup,
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

C: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

P: Remembering, therefore, his salutary command, his life-giving passion and death, his glorious resurrection and ascension, and the promise of his coming again, we give thanks to you, O Lord God Almighty, not as we ought but as we are able; we ask you mercifully to accept our praise and thanksgiving and with your Word and Holy Spirit to bless us, your servants, and these your own gifts of bread and wine, so that we and all who share in the body and blood of Christ may be filled with heavenly blessing and grace, and, receiving the forgiveness of sin, may be formed to live as your holy people and be given our inheritance with all your saints.

To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
be all honor and glory in your holy church, now and forever.

C: Amen, amen, amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

The presiding minister may introduce the Lord's Prayer.

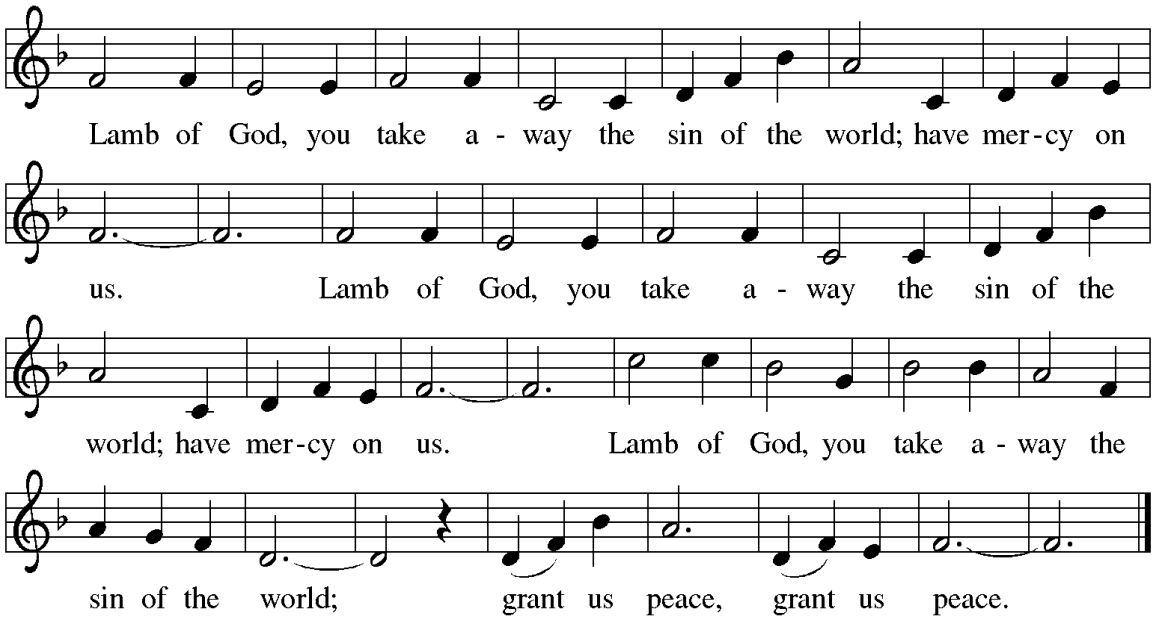
P: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

C: Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P: Christ has set the table with more than enough for all. Come!

LAMB OF GOD CANTICLE


Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on
us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

COMMUNION

"I Am the Bread of Life"

Leader or All
1 "I am the Bread of life. You who
2 "The bread that . . . I will give is my
3 "Un - less . . . . . you . . . . eat of the
4 "I am the res - ur - rec - tion, ...
5 Yes, Lord, ... I be - lieve that . . .
come to me shall not hun - ger, and who be -
flesh for the life of the world, ... and if you
flesh of the Son of Man . . . . . and . . .
I . . . . . am the life. . . . . If you be -
you . . . . . are the Christ, ... the . . .
lieve in me shall not thirst. No one can come to
eat . . . . of this bread, you shall . . live for -
drink . . . . of his blood, and drink . . . . of his
lieve . . . . in . . . me, e - ven . . though you
Son . . . . of . . . God, who . . . . have . . .
me un - less the Fa - ther beck - ons."
ev - er, ... you shall live for - ev - er."
blood, you shall not have life with - in you."
die, ... you shall live for - ev - er."
come in - to . . . . the . . . . world. . . .
Refrain
All
"And I will raise you up, and I will raise you up,
and I will raise you up on the last day."

Text: Suzanne Toolan, RSM, b. 1927, based on John 6
Music: I AM THE BREAD, Suzanne Toolan, RSM
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P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in eternal life.
C: Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A: Let us pray.
C: Jesus, Bread of life,
we have received from your table
more than we could ever ask.
As you have nourished us in this meal,
now strengthen us to love the world with your own life.
In your name we pray. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SENDING

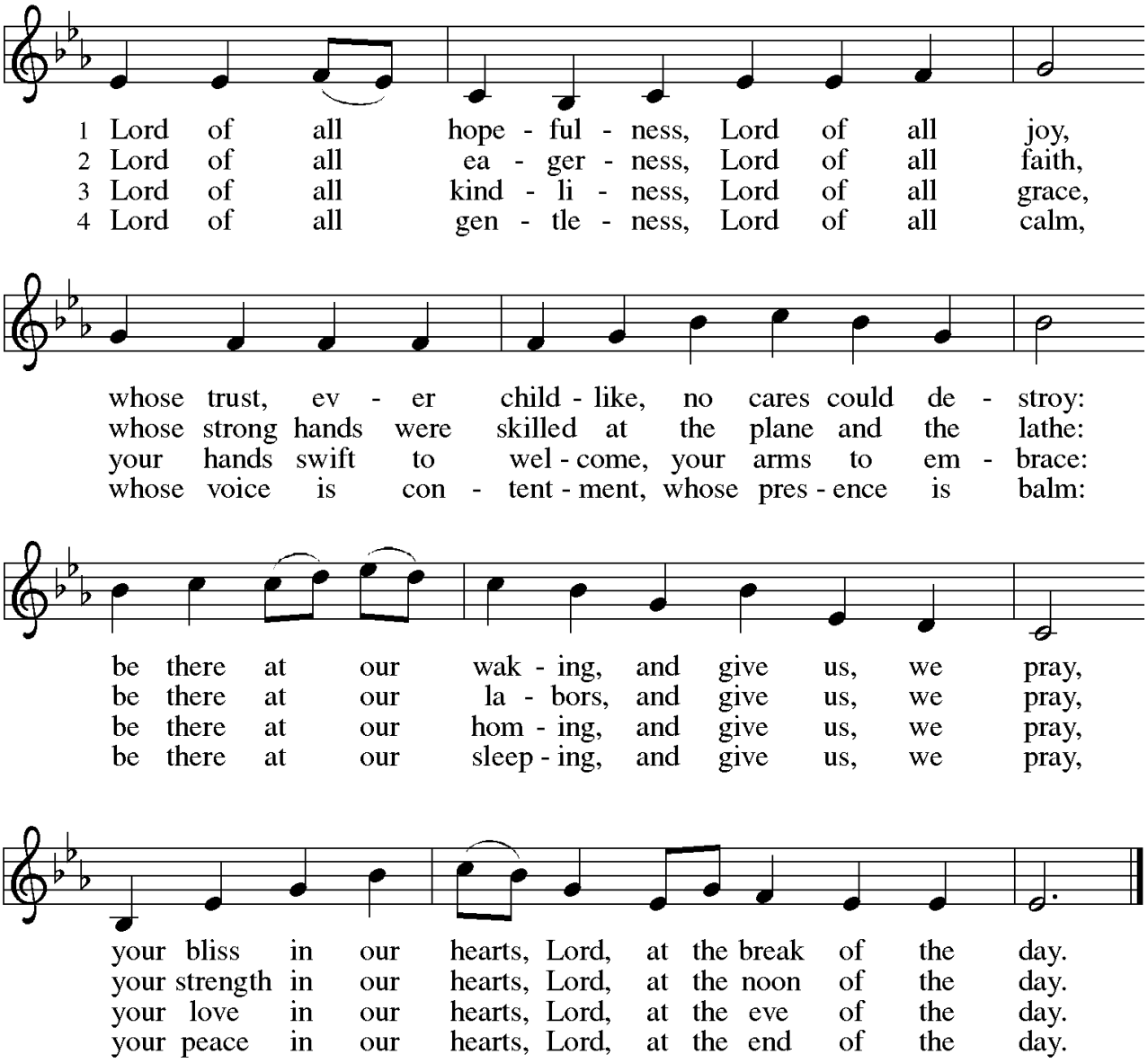
God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

BLESSING

P: The blessing of God,
who provides for us, feeds us,
and journeys with us,
✝ be upon you now and forever.
C: Amen.

SENDING SONG ELW 765

"Lord of All Hopefulness"


1 Lord of all hope - ful - ness, Lord of all joy,
2 Lord of all ea - ger - ness, Lord of all faith,
3 Lord of all kind - li - ness, Lord of all grace,
4 Lord of all gen - tle - ness, Lord of all calm,
whose trust, ev - er child - like, no cares could de - stroy:
whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe:
your hands swift to wel - come, your arms to em - brace:
whose voice is con - tent - ment, whose pres - ence is balm:
be there at our wak - ing, and give us, we pray,
be there at our la - bors, and give us, we pray,
be there at our hom - ing, and give us, we pray,
be there at our sleep - ing, and give us, we pray,
your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.
your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.
your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.
your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.

Text: Jan Struther, 1901–1953
Music: SLANE, Irish traditional
Text © Oxford University Press 1931.

DISMISSAL

A: Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today we welcome, Paul Archer, a Licensed Lay Minister (LLM) from Dearborn. He will be presiding over worship for Pastor Rinas.

Welcome! If this is your first time with us, please add your name and information to our Guest book located in the Narthex, we would love to connect with you.
*Hearing assistance devices and cushions are available in the back pew. Please help yourself!
*Children's bulletins available, please see an usher.

Please remember to wear your Name Tag
It's a help for visitors and folks you may not have seen for a while. If you need a new Name tag, please let Jennifer know.

Pastor Joshua Rinas will be away on vacation for the next three Sundays. On August 25th and September 1st, Dale Eckart, an LLM, will supply. He serves Zion Lutheran, Chelsea part time and Ford in information technology. In case of pastoral emergency, please call the church office.

Donations
Clothes Closet donations are accepted on Wednesday mornings 9a-10:30a. If you are at church on Sunday mornings, and have a donation to bring, place it in the labeled bin near the coffee hour table (behind the green curtains) in the gathering area. Donations left anywhere else in the church or on any other day will be placed in the dumpster.

NO MEDICAL EQUIPMENT is accepted as a donation anymore. The Medical Loan Closet is being phased out. Thank you!

From the Membership Committee – Birthday Coffee Hour
Because the first Sunday in September falls on Labor Day weekend, we will be celebrating the September birthdays on September 8th (the 2nd Sunday). We look forward to seeing you all. Thank You.

Summer Adult Bible Class offered Sundays after Church
History in Maps: Part 1 The Graeco-Roman World, and the Development of Christianity, from Alexander to Constantine

Schedule for **six** 45 minute presentations
Given by: Dr. Peter Diehr
Where: in the Lounge
When: August 4, 11, 18, 25 @11:30 to 12:15, including 15 min for questions.

Part 2 will be scheduled for another time. **Questions:** pdiehr@gmail.com

Thursday Bible Study Class
There will be no Bible Study Class August 15, 22, and 29. Class will resume in September.

Are you a Thrivent member?
Did you know that every Thrivent associate member has at one Action Grant every year that could bring in $250 for a special project, every full benefit member has 2 Action Grants every year. If you are a Thrivent member, please let Jennifer know in the church office. A list is being compiled to see how many special projects can be used to help Emmanuel this year and years to come.

Last year, Action Grants were used for helping purchase batting for the Quilt team, toys for the Christmas Giveaway and toiletries for the Food Pantry. Even if you have never applied for Action Grants, help is available so that you can help special projects.

Thank you for letting the office know if you are a Thrivent member, by emailing info@emmanuelypsi.org, leaving a message at 734-482-7121 or leaving a note in the offering plate or the box on the office door.

Food Pantry Needs
The Food Pantry still has an ongoing need for boxes to pack with canned goods. Any box 12 inch x 12 inch x 12 inch but not bigger than 16 inch x 16 inch x 16 inch is used. Shoe boxes are too small. The food pantry boxes need to hold at least 13 cans of food, a box of raisins, a box of macaroni and cheese, a bag of rice, a bag of cereal and a box of pasta. Boxes can be set near the Food Pantry shelves in the Gathering Area. Thank you!

Document Shredding
Bring up to four copy paper boxes or grocery bags of documents per person. Saturday, August 24th 10am – 1pm, Whittaker Road Branch 5577 Whittaker Rd. May end early if truck fill up.

Worship Volunteers Needed!
Sign up on the sheet outside the office or call the office (734-482-7121).
Or through sign-up genius.
Assisting Ministers - Click here
Or Scan QR code

Altar Flower Sign up - Click here
Or Scan QR code

The flowers on the altar today are given to the Glory of God and in honor of our 2nd wedding anniversary.
Given by Shane and Sumaia Shingledecker

For those with young children: Emmanuel's "Pray-Ground", located at the front of the church, was established as a positive, welcoming experience for children in church. Many churches have begun using this feature which gives small children a space to squirm, quietly play with soft toys, books, and do arts and crafts. Parents may want to sit nearby to monitor children, don't worry about noise! We encourage everyone with little ones to give this a try. Older siblings may assist the younger ones if they like.

Prayers requested for: Barb, Sheila, Judy, Debbie, Lynn, Jennifer, Cora, Suzy, the friends and of Phyllis.

Links:
Livestream Worship - https://www.youtube.com/@emmanuelypsi
Giving Online - Online donation
Clothes Closet - ClothesCloset@emmanuelypsi.org
Food Pantry - FoodPantry@emmanuelypsi.org

Ways to Give: Giving can be done online by clicking here. Or mail checks to: Emmanuel Lutheran Church, 201 N. River St., Ypsilanti, MI 48198.
Text to Give: Text 734-548-9438. Simply text the amount you would like to give and follow the prompts.
Paypal: Select payment type "Friends and Family" using emmanuelypsi@gmail.com. Please indicate account (general fund, flowers, memorials, etc.) where it says add message.
Mobile App: Download the Vanco Payments Mobile app for free from Google Play. In the app, select your fund and amount, enter a payment method and complete the donation.

Serving in Worship:
Guest Minister..... Paul Archer
Minister of Worship Music..... David Meitzler
Assisting Minister ..... Monica Doerr

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